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2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the fish-eye objective lens has an image point distribution function that varies according to axes perpendicular to the optical axis of the objective lens, and which has a minimum spreading rate of the image along a first axis perpendicular to the optical axis and a maximum spreading rate of the image along at least a second axis perpendicular to the optical axis, such that the image projected onto the image sensor is expanded along the second axis.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the first and the second axes of the objective lens are perpendicular and the image projected by the objective lens onto the image sensor is ellipsoidal in shape.

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6. The method according to claim 2, wherein the objective lens has a distribution function that is not linear and that has a maximum divergence of at least $\pm 10\%$ compared to a linear distribution function, such that the projected image has at least one substantially expanded zone and at least one substantially compressed zone.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the fish-eye objective lens comprises a combination of a group of lenses provided to capture a panoramic image according to a determined field angle and at least one cylindrical lens having an axis of revolution perpendicular to the optical axis of the objective lens.
8. A method for displaying on a screen an initial panoramic image captured in accordance with the method according to claim 1, the method comprising:
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10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the initial image is ellipsoidal in shape and the corrected image has a diameter the size in number of pixels of which is at least equal to the size in number of pixels of the major axis of the initial ellipsoidal image.

11. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

projecting, onto the initial image, image points of an image sector to be presented on the screen,

allowing the colors of the image points of the image sector to be presented on the screen to be determined,

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13. A computer program product recorded on a medium and loadable into the memory of a digital computer, the computer program containing code executable by the computer that is arranged to execute the steps of the display method according to claim 8.

14. A fish-eye objective lens having a constant field angle relative to its optical axis and comprising optical means for projecting the image of a panorama onto an image sensor, the fish-eye objective lens comprises optical means for projecting, without reducing the field of view, a distorted image that is not in the shape of a disk and which covers a number of pixels on an image sensor higher than the number of pixels that would be covered by a conventional image disk.

15. The fish-eye objective lens according to claim 14, having an image point distribution function that varies according to axes perpendicular to the optical axis of the objective lens, and which has a minimum spreading rate of the image along a first axis perpendicular to the optical axis and a maximum spreading rate of the image along at least a second axis perpendicular to the optical axis, such that an image delivered by the objective lens is expanded along the second axis.

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17. The fish-eye objective lens according to claim 14, comprising a combination of a group of lenses provided to capture a panoramic image according to a determined field angle and at least one cylindrical lens having an axis of revolution perpendicular to the optical axis of the objective lens.

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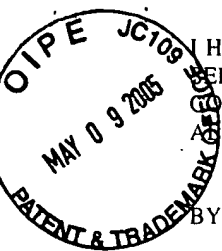
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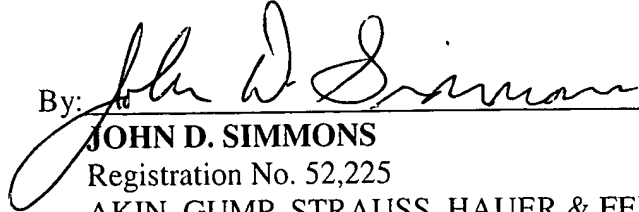
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